



Dear EKKO Church,
**YOUR FIRST PROJECT
REPORT IS HERE!**

We are so excited to share your first Progress Report!

In the first half of 2022, you made a generous gift to charity: water to provide clean water for people in Mozambique and Nepal. We are thrilled to tell you that progress is underway. Soon, clean and safe drinking water will bring transformative and lasting change into people's lives, and we can't say thank you enough.

Your gift was sent to our local partner in July, and right now, we're about six months into our 21-month timeline.



This preparation period is crucial for each project's success and sustainability. Our partners have been hard at work obtaining construction permits, purchasing supplies, and collaborating with community members. Community engagement is especially important at this stage, as it creates a sense of ownership and pride in the completed water project.

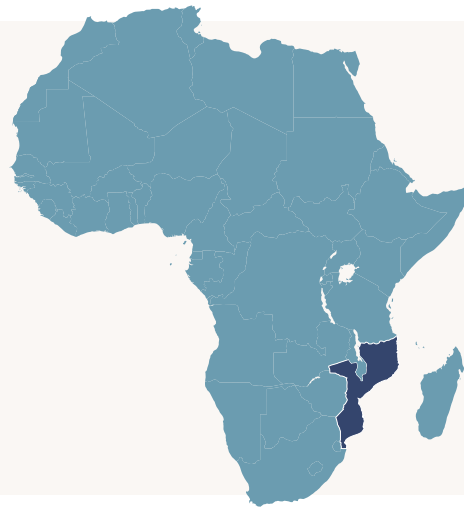
We'll have more updates for you soon, and we can't wait to share them with you. Thank you again for believing in the same future we do — one in which everyone has access to clean and safe water!

COUNTRY:

Mozambique

LOCAL IMPLEMENTING PARTNER:

Helvetas



Your generous gift:

\$11,000

Total grant amount:

\$2,639,999

ABOUT HELVETAS

charity: water and Helvetas Mozambique are working together to bring clean water to the Cabo Delgado and Nampula Provinces, where water access is as low as 34% in some districts. The narrative is changing, however, thanks to funding that will support the construction of small-scale piped systems and wells with hand pumps in rural communities.

To maintain the functionality of wells with hand pumps, Helvetas Mozambique forms Water and Sanitation Committees. These committees are made up of local community members who are trained on everything from national water policy to basic maintenance. Piped water systems, on the other hand, are managed and maintained by private operators. Local government employees and private sector technicians are also recruited to provide regular monitoring and assist with large repairs.

PROGRESS TO DATE

Your funds were sent to Helvetas Mozambique in July, and the following six months are considered the planning stage of project implementation. Helvetas Mozambique uses this time to assess and select which communities or schools will receive water points based on factors such as geography, need, community interest, the risk of overlap with other organizations, and the availability of spare parts for future repairs. Once the school or community locations are determined, water point management training begins and construction materials are transported to the site. All of this preparation directly supports the long-term success of a water project.

WHAT'S NEXT?

In the next few months, the construction of piped systems and wells will accelerate. Once construction is complete, Helvetas Mozambique will test the water quality and hand the projects over to the communities for ongoing maintenance and management. Meanwhile, Helvetas Mozambique will coordinate training covering topics such as sustainability, sanitation, and hygiene. We can't wait to share even more details in your next report!

DID YOU KNOW?

- Even if the water is clean when collected, it can become contaminated if stored improperly. Helvetas Mozambique addresses this issue by implementing and promoting safe storage practices and household water treatments.
- Every water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) project implemented by Helvetas Mozambique now includes training for menstrual hygiene management.

MEET THE TEAM

Amanda is a Senior Associate on charity: water's Water Programs team and she coordinates grant administration with this partnership. Throughout the grant, she tracks project progress and the number of people served. Once the project is complete, she reviews and verifies the project completion photos and GPS coordinates. She enjoys working with Helvetas Mozambique because their team has a culture of continuous improvement and are eager to learn how to make their program activities even better.



Amanda C.
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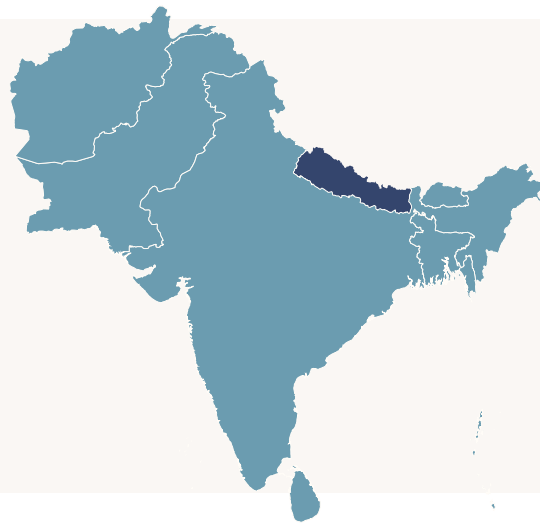


COUNTRY:

Nepal

LOCAL IMPLEMENTING PARTNER:

Helvetas



Your generous gift:

\$11,000

Total grant amount:

\$2,750,000

ABOUT HELVETAS

charity: water started working with Helvetas Nepal in 2019 to improve access to clean and safe drinking water, sanitation, and hygiene. Helvetas Nepal pioneered the Water Use Master Planning (WUMP) approach — a water resource management model that ensures the long-term sustainability of groundwater and surface water — and is currently working in the remote Karnali Province.

Within Karnali Province, gravity-fed and solar-powered piped systems are being built to bring pure spring water from mountain sources to school and household tap stands. Helvetas Nepal supports the sustainability of these systems by forming Water User and Sanitation Committees (WUSCs). Every committee is responsible for managing their water system. They are also required to outline a plan showing how they will provide for the poorest and most disadvantaged households.

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In the next few months, the construction of piped systems will accelerate. Once construction is complete, Helvetas Nepal will test the water quality and hand the projects over to the community or school for ongoing maintenance and management. Meanwhile, Helvetas Nepal will coordinate training covering topics such as sustainability, sanitation, and hygiene. We can't wait to share even more details in your next report!

DID YOU KNOW?

- Before construction begins, Helvetas Nepal hosts public hearings in each community. During these hearings, they explain the construction process, how the water project will be managed, and the role of the WUSC.
- To support the sustainability of water projects, Helvetas Nepal hosts day-long operation and maintenance workshops for the WUSC and municipality representatives. The WUSC will be responsible for minor repairs, while the municipality will be responsible for major repairs.

MEET THE TEAM

Sierra is a Senior Associate on charity: water's Water Programs team and she manages all phases of the grant lifecycle with this partner. Among her many responsibilities, Sierra reviews and provides feedback on proposals and reports, oversees the project implementation process, verifies project data, and develops multi-year partnership strategies. She enjoys working with Helvetas Nepal because they are committed to the long-term management and sustainability of natural water sources — a commitment that's directly supported by the WUMP approach.



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